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1. The only naval craft based at Vlone are three MAS type boats, which are used for coastal patrol. They have been at Vlone since 1949. Two are of German manufacture; the other One is of wooden construction. Each is 50X1-HUM armed with two heavy machine guns and equipped with W/T, which works back to the control office at Vlone port.
2. These boats patrol the coast north and south of Vlone (distances not specified). They are kept in a state of readiness and make frequent patrols, but not at regular intervals. They are under the command of the Sigurimi. The port Sigurimi office is in charge of an unidentified junior officer.
3. In addition to the patrol boat crews, there is a detachment of five or six sailors¹ at the port.
4. There is no radar installation at Vlone.
5. No submarine base is known to exist either at Vlone or at Saseno Island. No material for such construction is known to have arrived at Vlone. No submarines have been seen or heard of at Vlone. No Soviet sailors have been seen at the port.

1. **Comment:** Their function is not clearly indicated here. 50X1-HUM

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